

**TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 24, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m. Mayor Bruno called the meeting to order and stated that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by posting the same on the bulletin board of Town Hall and forwarding a copy to the Courier News and Star Ledger at least forty-eight hours prior to the meeting, all in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. This meeting will not go substantially past 10:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore, Mrs. Kingsley and Mayor Bruno answered present. Also present was Township Attorney Joseph Sordillo and Township Clerk Ana Minkoff. Township Administrator Linda Cavanaugh was absent.

**PROCLAMATION – The TREND Club
(Turning Recreational Events into New Directions)**

Mayor Bruno explained the Trend Club at Governor Livingston High School promotes drug and alcohol free activities for high school students. Mayor Bruno read a proclamation into the record and presented each of the Trend Club members with a copy recognizing their work with drug and alcohol free activities for the school students.

Mayor Bruno said with the consensus of the Council the Introduction of the Ordinance for the Police Department requirements is being pulled from the agenda.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Bruno asked everyone present to stand as he led the Flag Salute.

CONFERENCE SESSION – Pilgrim Pipe Line Presentation

Mayor Bruno said last week he attended a presentation of the proposed pilgrim pipe line project. He went on to explain the project and said it is in the beginning stages and will begin in 2017. Mayor Bruno gave a slide presentation of this proposed project.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - Contract Negotiations/Land Transaction- Redevelopment of the
Municipal Complex**

Moved by Mrs. Kingsley to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Hall and upon roll call vote:
(7:25 p.m.)

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

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Moved by Mrs. Kingsley to go out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Pastore and upon roll call vote:
(8:11 p.m.)

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Pirone to approve the following Township Council minutes, seconded by Mr. Hall and upon roll call vote:

**Public Meeting – May 20, 2014
Public Meeting – June 10, 2014**

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REPORTS

Mr. Delia reported the Street Fair is scheduled for Sunday, June 29th. He also reported Union County will have a meeting on the sale of Runnells Hospital on July 1, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in Berkeley Heights.

Mr. Hall had nothing to report.

Mr. Pirone gave a brief description of what the Board of Health handles for Berkeley Heights. Mr. Pirone gave a detailed report on the Board of Health inspections that have been done so far in 2014. Mr. Pirone also spoke about the food handling seminar being voluntary and the Board of Health possibly making this seminar mandatory by ordinance for the food establishments.

Mr. Woodruff had nothing to report.

Mr. Pastore had nothing to report.

Mrs. Kingsley reported the clock arrived on Friday and is in our possession. She said the invitations have been sent out for the unveiling which will be held on Saturday, July 12th at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Kingsley also reported that Hall's Garden Center has donated the pavers for around the clock at no cost.

Mayor Bruno said he is amazed and grateful to the many people who have donated their time, money and energies to the installation of this clock. He said it is really a testimonial to our Township and the pride we have in our town. Mayor Bruno spoke further about the clock project. Mayor Bruno reported on the pilgrim pipe line project meeting that he attended and spoke about the project. Mayor Bruno also reported he attended the meeting for Runnells Hospital at Union County.

There was a discussion on the Union County Public Meeting for Runnells Hospital that will be held in Berkeley Heights on Tuesday, July 1st.

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Mayor Bruno spoke about an article in the paper regarding the Governor appointing judges in Essex County. He added former Mayor David Cohen and our current Administrator Linda Cavanaugh were both nominated as judges in Essex County. He spoke further about the process of the judge appointments and said unfortunately we may be looking for a new Administrator. Mayor Bruno also reported the Street Fair will be held this Sunday, June 29th. He went on to talk about the Street Fair in more detail. Mayor Bruno said there was a bill signing in Trenton for the 2% cap to be extended through 2017 and he explained further.

Moved by Mr. Pastore to accept the Township Council and Administration Reports, seconded by Mrs. Kingsley and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

HEARING ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Moved by Mrs. Kingsley to open the Hearing on the Agenda Items Only, seconded by Mr. Pastore and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Carol Matula of 5 Hastings Road asked who was present in Executive Session.

Mayor Bruno responded the Council, Mr. Sordillo, Mrs. Minkoff and Mr. Ramentol.

Hearing no voices, moved by Mrs. Kingsley to close the Hearing on the Agenda Items Only, seconded by Mr. Pastore and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

**NEW BUSINESS- RESOLUTIONS
OFFICIAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON THE FOLLOWING:**

RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Delia introduced the following resolution:

1. Resolution approving Bill List dated June 24, 2014 in the amount of \$204,705.02.

Moved by Mr. Delia to approve resolution #1, seconded by Mr. Pastore and upon roll call vote:

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Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Mr. Pirone introduced the following resolution:

2. Resolution requesting that the County of Union reduce the speed limit on Springfield Avenue in the Township's downtown area, between Plainfield Avenue and Snyder Avenue, to (25) miles per hour.

Moved by Mr. Pirone to approve resolution #2, seconded by Mrs. Kingsley and carried.

Mr. Delia said he will oppose this resolution for several reasons. He has lived right next to Springfield Avenue and he has never seen a problem with speeding on Springfield Avenue. He feels it will do more harm than good to the downtown by lowering the speed limit. If anything, wait until CVS goes up and the traffic light is installed, that will probably change everything. Mr. Delia continued with his explanation.

Mr. Woodruff said when you consider what we are trying to do with the downtown, notwithstanding what the citizen had spoken about a few weeks ago regarding the speed limit on Springfield Avenue. What we are trying to do in the downtown with respect to the beautification and the eventual re-routing of some of the traffic patterns and our desire to encourage more pedestrian traffic, it becomes a safety issue. He doesn't think this is inappropriate to consider.

The discussion continued among the Township Council on lowering the speed limit on Springfield Avenue in the downtown area.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff and Mrs. Kingsley
Nays: Mr. Delia and Mr. Pastore
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Mr. Woodruff introduced the following resolution:

3. Resolution supporting the submission of a grant application to New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School Program.

Moved by Mr. Woodruff to approve resolution #3, seconded by Mrs. Kingsley and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Mr. Hall introduced the following resolution:

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4. Resolution authorizing Garden State Fireworks to hold fireworks displays for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel annual feast on July 12-16 and on December 31, 2014.

Moved by Mr. Hall to approve resolution #4, seconded by Mr. Pirone and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Township Council and will be enacted upon by one motion; there will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Mr. Pastore introduced the following resolutions:

- (5)
- a. Resolution removing Jon Ritchie, 155 Garfield Street, Berkeley Heights, from the active roster of the Berkeley Heights Fire Department.
 - b. Resolution authorizing a release of the maintenance bond for Springfield Berkeley, LLC, 429 Springfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, in the amount of \$5,512.94.
 - c. Resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund the following 2014 tax overpayments:
Joseph & Marie Mate 106 Hunterdon Blvd. \$319.20
 - d. Resolution authorizing an application for Kyle Ulen, of the Volunteer Fire Department, for a Blue Light Permit.

Moved by Mr. Pastore to approve Consent Agenda resolutions #5a-d, seconded by Mr. Hall and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ORDINANCE PULLED

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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Public Hearing and Final Adoption scheduled for July 8, 2014:

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(1) “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 2.100.040 ENTITLED “QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT” OF CHAPTER 2.100 ENTITLED “POLICE DIVISION” OF TITLE 2 ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL” TO AMEND AND UPDATE THE PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW HIRES IN THE POLICE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.” (Explanation: This ordinance amends and updates the Township’s Administrative Code (Title 2 of the code of the Township of Berkeley Heights) as adopted by Ordinance No. 2-2010, and revised by Ordinance No. 14-2010) to amend the requirements for new hires in the Police Division of the Department of Public Safety.)

CITIZENS HEARING

Moved by Mr. Woodruff to open the Citizens Hearing, seconded by Mr. Pastore and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Hearing no voices, moved by Mr. Woodruff to close the Citizens Hearing, seconded by Mrs. Kingsley and upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Hall to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Woodruff and upon roll call vote:
(8:40 p.m.)

Ayes: Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, Mr. Pastore and Mrs. Kingsley
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Approved: July 8, 2014